

Nearly every Presbyterian minister in Richmond came to see me, and a host of old friends. Beautiful flowers were sent to brighten and gladden the sick room, and letters of sweet sympathy, and the city around which I had fought as a boy became dearer than ever because of the rich and rapt experiences of kindness from man and God.

It is good for us to be afflicted. God puts us on our backs that we may look up and think of Him and love Him more, and the valley becomes the hour of divine support, and we fear no evil, but feed upon God and rest in Him.

W. H. Groves.

### THE PANAMA CONGRESS.

Panama City, Feb. 12, 1916.

The Panama Congress on Christian Work in Latin America, measured by almost any standard, promises to be one of the most epoch-making religious conferences ever held. The place of meeting, in the Canal Zone, where the United States government has demonstrated its sanity and efficiency in a marvelous manner, was an ideal selection. Here in the Panamanian capital, in the heart of the Latin American republics, on the banks of the canal which has brought the Atlantic and the Pacific within two hours of each other and unified the trade interests of the western hemisphere, the Churches of Christ are holding a conference, in which North and South Americans look each other in the face, and the Church is plan-

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ning and building as never before for the unification on a complete and comprehensive scale of the Christian work of the western half of the world.

The attendance at the Congress is representative. All the missionary bodies doing work in Latin American countries have delegates. There are also outstanding men from the republics of Central and South America, from the West Indies, and a few from Europe.

Some of the most eloquent speakers the Congress has heard have been these men who are the products of missionary work in Latin America. The president of the Congress is Professor Eduardo Monteverdere, of Montevideo, strikingly intellectual in appearance, and a speaker of rare power. Perhaps the most eloquent speaker from these countries is Rev. Alvaro Reis, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Brazil. He was converted under the ministry of our own missionary, Dr. Boyle, and educated under Dr. Lane.

Others in whom our Church will be interested are Rev. Leandro Garzo Mora, our Mexican evangelist; the Rev. Eduardo Carlos Pereira, of Sao Paulo, and Professor Erasmo Braga, of Campinas.

The delegation of Southern Presbyterians includes Dr. and Mrs. Chester, Dr. Gammon, of Brazil; Rev. W. A. Ross and wife, of our Mexican Mission; Dr. John Ortiz Gonzales and wife, of our Cuban Mission; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Magill, Miss Isabel Arnold and Mr. Garza Mora, whom I have already mentioned, and Mrs. Vance and the writer.

The work is presented to the Congress through the reports of eight commissions that have been laboriously at work for many months on the tasks assigned them. The themes of these reports are Survey and Occupation, Message and Method, Education, Literature, Woman's Work, Church in the Field, Home Base and Co-Operation and Unity.

Most of these reports were in the hands of the delegates before leaving home for the Congress, and were gone over privately, and again in conference on shipboard on the voyage down. They cover many hundreds of pages of printed matter, and after revision by the Congress, will be published in three volumes by the Missionary Education Association, and sold at \$2.50 a set. They constitute perhaps the fullest and certainly the latest literature on the facts of religious conditions in Latin America. Had the Congress accomplished nothing more than the production of this literature, its existence would be abundantly justified.

The sessions are held in the large Tivoli Hotel, and are from 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M., with an intermission from 11:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. These day sessions are devoted to devotional exercises and the discussion of the reports of the commissions. Each speaker must send in his name the preceding day, stating the theme he desires to discuss, and is limited to seven minutes. These discussions are so far largely by men from the fields, and are most illuminating.

At the evening sessions, there are two set addresses, one in Spanish or Portuguese and the other in English.

Already it is apparent that greater unity and co-operation on the part of Missionary Boards is absolutely demanded. A comprehensive continental plan for the future development of the work and for mission methods and principles must be wrought out.

The strongest note of the conference is optimistic urgency. The Churches of North America are catching the spirit of Pan-Americanism, and such new emphasis, it is confidently believed, will be given to the work in South America, that it will cease to be called "the neglected continent."

James I. Vance.

### A C. E. MISSIONARY.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Endeavorers at the Laurens, S. C., Convention, a movement was set on foot for a Christian Endeavor missionary. A committee, with Dr. Charles F. Rankin, of Laurens, as chairman, was appointed to handle the matter. A letter was received by Mr. Karl Lehmann recently from Dr. Egbert W. Smith, at Nashville, of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church, heartily endorsing the plan. At the convention pledges were received from a number of the societies, ranging from five to fifty dollars each, amounting in all to \$515.00.

Many pledges were made by those present, and are to be used to support a Presbyterian Christian Endeavor missionary to be sent out by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Assembly, and supported by the Christian Endeavor societies. The salary will be \$1,200, and any Southern Presbyterian Christian Endeavor societies that would be interested in having one or more \$5 shares in the salary of this missionary should write at once to Secretary Karl Lehmann, at Ensley, or Rev. Dr. Charles F. Rankin, of Laurens, who is heading up the plan in South Carolina.—Dixie Endeavorer.

### MINISTERIAL RELIEF ENDOWMENT FUND.

Henry H. Sweets, Secretary.

Letters from pastors, clerks of session, Sunday-school superintendents, officers of societies, and from interested persons reveal the fact that the Church and our people generally are most deeply interested in the effort to secure the large gift of \$68,000 to the endowment fund of Ministerial Relief which has been promised by one of the elders of the Church on condition that we raise twice that amount within the year. They state that efforts are being put forth to interest the whole membership of the various churches in the movement and we are looking for large increases in the number and amounts of gifts.

We earnestly trust that there will be no further delay in forwarding funds. This will encourage the hearts of the committee, will provoke others to good works, and as soon as we receive \$50,000 we can expect a remittance of \$25,000 from our liberal friend.

The following amounts have been received since our last report up to February 21st:

**Synod of Alabama**—Mrs. Lena Parham, \$5; Mrs. H. A. Young, \$40. Total, \$45. Total to date, \$297.45.

**Arkansas**—Fordyce church, \$41.72; Mrs. J. H. Morrison, \$2; Mr. V. U. Patton, \$1; Miss Grace D. Watson, \$5. Total, \$49.72. Total to date, \$223.39.

**Florida**—Quincy First Church, \$75; Mrs. Margaret Boyd, \$2; Mrs. H. L. Creary, \$2; Mr. R. D. Daffin, \$25; Mr. S. A. French, \$7; Rev. Ed. Guerrant, \$5; Mr. C. C. Gunn, \$5; "A Minister's Daughter," \$2. Total, \$123. Total to date, \$254.56.

**Georgia**—McDonough Woman's Miss. Society, \$5; Newnan Benev. Soc., \$10; Si-loom Juvenile Miss. Soc., \$1; Mrs. S. P. Adams, \$20; Mr. Robert M. Butler, \$25. Total, \$61. Total to date, \$337.50.

**Kentucky**—Union Church, \$3; Danville First L. M. Soc., \$10; Millersburg Miss. Soc., \$10; Miss Margaret Chrysler, \$300; Mr. J. S. Colville, \$5; Mr. A. G. Crutchfield, \$10; Mr. William T. McElroy, \$1; Mr. C. W. Rule, \$2; Mr. E. H. Tucker, \$1; Mrs. Amos Turney, \$5; "A Friend," \$1. Total, \$348. Total to date, \$633.43.

**Louisiana**—Alexandria, First Church, \$15; Plains L. M. Soc., \$6.85. Total, \$21.85. Total to date, \$1,001.85.

**Mississippi**—Pittsboro Church, \$2.50; Pose Hill, \$3; Wesson Willing Workers Soc., \$4; Miss H. Euster, \$3; Miss Willie McLeod, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins, Jr., \$1; Mrs. E. H. Raworth, \$10; Mrs. Loula W. Robinson, \$1; Miss C. I. Wharton, \$1.50; "A Friend," \$10. Total, \$37. Total to date, \$1,038.80.

**Missouri**—Fulton, First Woman's Bible Class, \$6; Mizpah, \$10; Mrs. W. W. Amis, \$1; Miss M. E. Black, \$5; Mrs.

Amanda E. Elgin, \$10; Mrs. L. F. Evans, \$5; Miss Catherine L. Lefevre, \$5; Legacy from Miss Cunningham, \$25. Total, \$67. Total to date, \$189.

**North Carolina**—Raeord Church, \$41.50; Lenor L. A. & M. Soc., \$20; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hay, \$8; Mr. M. W. Hicks, \$10; Mrs. S. B. Miller, \$2.50; "A Friend," \$1; "A Well Wisher," \$1; "Sarah and Evelyn Bailey Memorial Fund," \$1,000. Total, \$1,084. Total to date, \$1,457.45.

**Oklahoma**—Cordell L. A. Society, \$2. Total, \$2. Total to date, \$30.81.

**South Carolina**—Rev. and Mrs. T. W. DeVane, \$7; Miss Lily T. Robertson, \$5; "A Friend," \$5. Total, \$17. Total to date, \$361.91.

**Tennessee**—Miss Sue V. Doak, \$1; Rev. and Mrs. James Doggett, \$5; Miss R. J. Doggett, \$2; Miss Virginia Hough, \$5; Mr. Venable Moore, \$10.70; Miss Ella Russell, \$5; Mrs. Ed. T. Seay, \$10; Mr. J. P. Street, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Summers, \$25. Total, \$68.70. Total to date, \$361.50.

**Texas**—Bartlett, First Church, \$5; Childress, First, \$2; Childress, First Woman's Auxiliary, \$3; Weatherford, First, \$5; Corpus Christi, First Carrie Chandler Miss. Soc., \$5; Crockett, First L. A. Soc., \$10; Nacogdoches W. M. Soc., \$3; Mrs. E. R. Long, \$10. Total, \$43. Total to date, \$2,710.63.

**Virginia**—D. C.; Mrs. E. W. Simpson, \$1; Maryland, Mr. S. O. Malin, \$1. Virginia: Aldie Church, \$10; Milford, \$3; Charlottesville Ladies Soc., \$50; Lynchburg, Floyd St. Little Helpers Soc., \$5; Miss Lily Bemiss, \$5; Mrs. W. R. Carp, \$5; Miss Elizabeth M. Dinwiddie, \$100; Miss M. W. Gaines, \$3; Major Richard N. Gaines, \$3; Mrs. Edward Nichols, \$10; Mrs. F. V. Rodriguez, \$5; Mrs. Robert W. Santos, \$5; Mrs. N. E. Spessard, \$5; Mr. R. A. Tompkins, \$5; Rev. W. T. Williams, \$1. Total, \$217. Total to date, \$1,165.60.

**West Virginia**—Moorefield Church, \$5; Ladies Aid Soc., \$5; Burlington L. A. Soc., \$10.50; Burnsville W. M. Soc., \$2; Miss Maria R. Putney, \$3; "A Friend," \$200; "A Mother and Her Daughter," \$23.55. Total, \$269.05. Total to date, \$1,440.65.

**Various States**—Mrs. S. H. Holliday, Cal., \$10; Mrs. E. E. Hughes, Cal., \$5. Total, \$15. Total to date, \$365.

The gifts to date to meet this proposition have come from these sources: Churches, \$988.94; Sabbath Schools, \$158.79; Societies, \$339.50; Individuals, \$8,410.50. Total, \$10,397.73.

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In the case of our present Chief Executive they are not disappointed. His recent speech-making tour in which he addressed great audiences in eight of the larger cities called for highest physical fitness and endurance. He was naturally anxious to keep himself at top-notch condition. As an example of wise and intelligent selection here is the breakfast he ordered at the hotel the morning he arrived in Cleveland, as published by the "Cleveland Plain Dealer":

Grapefruit.

Shredded Wheat and Cream

Two four-minute boiled eggs for each.

Broiled Bacon.

Buttered Toast.

An apple for Mrs. Wilson.

Coffee.

We are all proud of our President regardless of party affiliation; now that we have seen what he eats we are satisfied that his ideas of "preparedness" are wise and sound and should have our patriotic support.